

Cancer Clinic at University of California.—Gift of \$5000 for the equipment of a thoracic surgery and cancer clinic at the University of California was announced yesterday to the regents at their annual meeting by President W. W. Campbell of the university. The \$5000 is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Roos.

Stanley P. Black Memorial Lecture.—The first of the 1929 Stanley P. Black Memorial lectures was given in the Stanley P. Black Memorial Hall at 65 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, on Wednesday evening, September 11, 1929.

Dr. Charles Richet, professor of medicine, University of Paris, made the address. His subject was "Food Anaphylaxis on Azotized Basis."

Herzstein Medical Lectures.—The Herzstein Medical Lectures, for which the late Dr. Morris Herzstein left an endowment of \$20,000 to the University of California and Stanford University, will be started this fall, according to plans announced by Dean Langley Porter of California.

In addition to the \$20,000, in which the state university will share, Dr. Herzstein left the residue of his estate to the University of California, approximately \$637,000. In accordance with his wishes, \$100,000 of this sum will be used as an endowment for a chair of biology either in the Medical School or on the Berkeley campus.

Dean Porter states that arrangements have been made with Stanford by which the Herzstein Lectures will be alternated with the Lane Foundation Lectures in the same field, which Stanford now sponsors.

The object of such foundations is to bring to California the world's most outstanding authorities in medicine in order that physicians of the state will have an opportunity to talk to them and hear them speak from the lecture platform. It is believed that programs of this type are invaluable in keeping medical men apprised of the work of their fellow physicians in distant parts of the globe who have achieved eminence by their contributions to the alleviation of human suffering.

Clinical Congress of American College of Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons will hold its nineteenth annual Clinical Congress in Chicago, October 14-18. Headquarters will be at the Stevens Hotel. An intensive program is being planned to make this home-coming event the greatest in the history of the college. The Hospital Standardization Conference will consist of morning and afternoon sessions on Monday to Thursday, inclusive. There will be a series of clinical demonstrations given by George W. Crile, Cleveland; John B. Deaver, Philadelphia; John M. T. Finney, Baltimore; Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, and others. Monday evening's program will include an address of welcome by the chairman of the Chicago Committee on Arrangements, Dr. Herman L. Kretschmer; the address of the retiring president, Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Chicago; the inaugural address of the new president, Major-General Merritte W. Ireland, Washington, D. C.; and the John B. Murphy Oration in Surgery by Professor D. P. D. Wilkie of Edinburgh. Among the foreign visitors will be Dr. James Heyman of Stockholm, Dr. Thierry de Martel of Paris, Visconte Aguilar of Madrid, and Mr. Herbert Tilley of London. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening sessions will consist of scientific papers presented by surgeons from the United States, Canada, and from abroad. The annual convocation of the college will be held on Friday evening. The fellowship address will be delivered by Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin. The annual meeting of the governors and fellows will be held Thursday afternoon, followed by a symposium on cancer and bone sarcoma. An all-day session on traumatic surgery will be held on Friday in which leaders in industry, labor, indemnity organizations,

and the medical profession will participate. A special program has been arranged that will be of interest to those whose practice is limited to surgery of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. A feature of the Congress will be the showing of surgical films that have been produced under the supervision and approved by the Board on Medical Motion Pictures of the College. New developments in color photography will be demonstrated. In addition to the commercial exhibits there will be scientific exhibits by the departments of the college. A rate of one and one-half the regular one-way fare has been granted on railroads of the United States and Canada to those holding convention certificates.

The Pasteur Society of Central California held a meeting on Wednesday, September 25 at the Hotel Whitcomb to consider various aspects of the recent outbreaks of meningitis.

Dr. J. C. Geiger, associate professor of epidemiology, University of California Medical School, and Dr. H. H. Darling, research associate in medicine, Hooper Foundation, spoke on the epidemiology; Dr. J. C. Perry, senior surgeon, United States Public Health Service, medical director fifth district, on the "Meningitis Control Methods of the Public Health Service"; Dr. E. B. Shaw from Children's Hospital, San Francisco, on "Serum Treatment for Meningitis"; and Dr. W. H. Kellogg, director of the bacteriological laboratory of the State Board of Health, on "Bacteriology and Types of the Meningococcus."

Doctor Geiger has been in close connection with the epidemiological factors. Doctor Darling has recently returned from a trip through the Orient, where he has studied the origin of the epidemics. Doctor Perry has had supervision and control of the recent epidemics among immigrants and is in charge of all public health work of the Southeast coastal district. Doctor Shaw has had considerable experience in the treatment in and about San Francisco. Doctor Kellogg is in close contact with the bacteriological investigation throughout the state.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO*

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

... *Intelligent Health Board.*—There are various ways in which communities gain fame or notoriety. One pretty good way is through the local Board of Health. San Francisco seems to have gained somewhat more than its share of notoriety in this manner, and there appears to be a good, big lot of it still coming. The Board of Health has just issued a brief pamphlet entitled "Health Hints for the Household—A Brief Treatise on Infectious, Contagious or Communicable Diseases." This is a curious collection of conglomerate cogitations collected and compiled, not by a lunatic, but "under the auspices of the Board of Health"!

... Doctor Welch ought not to have delivered the Lane Lectures until after perusing the "Health Hints for the Household"; he could have picked up a whole lot of real first-class education, and a few pointers on infection as well. "Man and other animals, and especially their excreta, are the prime movers of infection." And again: "Cleanliness or cleanliness means then the absence of dirt, and though an acquired taste." Just like olives, sardellen, etc.

... *To County Secretaries.*—The Publication Committee desires to thank those county society secretaries who have sent in reports of their society meetings. Thanks are also due a number of secretaries

* This column aims to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of state society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and recent members.

for the prompt manner in which they answer letters. If there is one virtue more commendable than all others, it seems to be that of promptly answering a letter. There are a few secretaries who do not send in regular reports, or who did do so but have fallen from grace. Will you gentlemen please consider the value to your members of sending in these reports? . . .

. . . *Danger Ahead.*—It is time that every physician in the state took heed for the future. The state legislative body will assemble to tinker and tamper with the laws before many months have passed, and it now seems absolutely certain that an attempt will be made to so modify the Medical Practice Act as to completely emasculate it. . . .

. . . *A Curious Condition.*—There seems to be more or less complaint all over the country in regard to the hodgepodge appearance of the average drug store, and the large number of proprietary medicines and nostrums carried and sold by the average druggist. . . .

. . . *Another State Society Journal.*—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* publishes a lot of advertising of this sort, and because it is guilty of breaking to smithers the American Medical Association "principles of ethics," most medical journals of the country do the same thing, and for excuse proudly boast that the advertisement appears in the Association journal, and hence it must be all right. The "uriseptin" case, already cited, is rather a good illustration for the reason that the "ad" was thrown out of our journal some months ago (as soon as we learned of the fakeness of the "formula"). . . .

From an article on "Cases of Acute Suppurative Appendicitis Treated by the Ochsner Method" by Wallace I. Terry, M.D., San Francisco:

. . . I should feel like apologizing to this society for presenting a paper on the time-worn topic of appendicitis were it not that my experience in dealing with several cases of the acute suppurative form by the Ochsner method has been so fortunate that I wish to record my belief in the rationality and value of the procedure. . . .

From an article on "Epinephrin—The Active Principle of the Suprarenal Gland—A Second Word" by Philip Mills Jones, M.D., San Francisco:

. . . Now what is it all about? Why, about what we shall call the crystallin-active blood-pressure-raising principle of the suprarenal gland. Obviously we cannot call it all that, and live. Nor can we call it adrenalin-adrenephrin-adrenamin-adrenol-adrin-caprenalin-hemisin-hemostatin-suprarenalin; life is too short. Aberhalden and Bergell use the name "epinephrin," and do not demand that "it be blotted from the literature," as evidenced by the title of their paper, "Über das Epinephrin (Epiprenan)."

Epinephrin seems to be a pretty good name for this particular thing. Some years ago Abel discovered that a chemical acting like this did exist, though he had not isolated it, and he named it epinephrin. That sort of thing has happened many, many times in chemical work, and is well known and accepted. Helium was known to exist as such, and was named long before anyone isolated it as an element; so with radium. And so, too, so far as the evidence goes, with epinephrin. . . .

From reports of county societies:

. . . *San Diego County.*—The regular meeting for the month was held on September 2, at which time Dr. R. L. Doig read a most excellent paper on the use of epinephrin, the active principle of the suprarenal gland, particularly in asthma. . . .

. . . *San Francisco County.*—The regular meeting for the month was held on the evening of September 8, the president in the chair. Doctors Herbert Moffitt and C. M. Cooper drew attention to the value of good radiograms of the chest in helping to differentiate between intrathoracic tumors and aneurysms, especially in those cases where the clinical fluoroscopic findings were not in accord. . . .

. . . A discussion upon the progress made by the Executive Committee in the matter of the arrangements for prosecuting illegal practitioners was precipitated by Doctor Tait. . . .

. . . It is quite apparent to your committee that this was due to the fact that the *Journal of the American Medical Association* receives in its advertising columns material of the most questionable character. When one considers that one of the principles of ethics of the association is that "It is equally derogatory to professional character for physicians to dispense or promote the use of secret remedies," it is plain to your committee that the committee on ethics of the American Medical Association realizes that the journal has grossly abused the principles for which the association stands, and that it hesitates to commit itself to a public acknowledgment of this fact. . . .

. . . *Santa Barbara County.*—Resolved, That it is the sense of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society that when "diphtheria" exists among poor people the city should furnish free of charge a sufficient quantity of antitoxin for the treatment of each case; also a sufficient quantity for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease.

The secretary is hereby instructed to present a copy of the above resolution to the Honorable Mayor and City Council. . . .

From an item in California Academy of Medicine Proceedings:

. . . Doctor Cooper also called attention to a method of x-ray examination practiced by him, and so far as he knew, an original method. In examining the abdomen, he inflated the colon with air and then examined with the screen, thus being able to see clearly the shadow of the kidneys, liver, spleen, colon, etc. Doctor Moffitt commended the proceeding highly, and had found it of very great usefulness. . . .

From an item on the State Nurses' Association:

. . . The California State Nurses' Association is an organization that should receive the heartiest support of every physician. . . .

. . . The State Association hopes to secure legislation which, through state registration of nurses, will mark a most important advance in the status of the profession in California. . . .

From some personals:

. . . Professor William Osler, until recently of Johns Hopkins, has been appointed regius professor of medicine at Oxford University, England, and we are advised that King Edward has been graciously pleased to confirm the appointment. Oxford is to be congratulated upon securing a man who is one of the best, if not indeed the best physician, student and exponent of medicine of his time. . . .

From minutes of the Council—Membership in sectarian societies—Councilor districts rearranged:

. . . The Council met on September 10 and transacted a good deal of business.

Among other things it arranged the councilor districts as follows: First, San Diego, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino; second, Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern; third, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey; fourth, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Stanislaus, Tuolumne; fifth, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Benito, Santa Cruz; sixth, San Francisco; seventh, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Calaveras; eighth, Sacramento, Amador, El Dorado, Alpine, Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Sierra, Yolo, Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Inyo, Mono, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou; ninth, Marin, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Solano, Napa.

The Council ruled that membership in a homeopathic or eclectic medical society constituted "supporting" sectarian medicine, and that consequently members of such societies could not be eligible for membership in affiliated county medical societies. . . .